



# St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



## PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

One Year

One year of incredible loss and grief;  
One year of incredible care and service.  
One year of loneliness and staying apart;  
One year of neighbours doing their part.  
One year without gatherings or handshakes or hugs;  
One year of online communities and support.

As we grow tired one year later, we are grateful for the moments of joy, hope, and love. We pray for all those affected in our community and beyond. Loving God, let us continue to share your love by supporting each other in the best ways we can. With gratitude for all you provide, Lord, may we spread your light to provide hope during these challenging times. Amen.

*Written by: Eilidh Childs*

## ST. ANDREW'S COVID UPDATE

St. Andrew's remains closed until further notice, due to government regulations.

## WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

**e-transfer:** [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

- If you have an offering (envelope) number with the church and you know it, be sure to include that and your full name in the Message box.
- For all others, please include your first and last names along with your full address in the message box so we can send you a donation receipt.

**Website:** You can donate by credit card using the "Donate Now" link on the website.

**Preauthorized Remittance:** This is a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account that can be set up with the bookkeeper. Email Barb at [accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net) to have a form sent to you.

**Mail:** You can mail in a donation to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 207 S. Brodie St. Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5X8. Or just drop it off in the mailbox at the church.

Thank you for supporting the life, ministry, and mission of St. Andrew's. You make a difference!

## WHAT'S NEW

For the Season of Lent we are sharing a link to a wonderful Garden - this is for Lent 3  
Click on the link to be taken to the garden



[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1attSPKt9f7uMmXTGCrFiA3glyQdDD2T1-4e1Fc\\_RscE/present?slide=id.gb52f1e3768\\_0\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1attSPKt9f7uMmXTGCrFiA3glyQdDD2T1-4e1Fc_RscE/present?slide=id.gb52f1e3768_0_0)

St. Andrew's now has a family time video series with our Choir Director, Jamie Gerow. Jamie will be making these every other week or so, and they can be found on our Youtube channel, so please be sure to subscribe.

Here is a link to the latest video.  
<https://youtu.be/Fmy9GNQ2gY4>

Services are available online and can be accessed on the church Facebook page, or on the website at

<https://standrewspres-tbay.ca/worship-services-by-video/>

Arrangements can also be made for a print version of the worship service to be provided. Connect with Rev. Joyce for more information

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

### Staying Connected During the Pandemic

Serving Palestinians in Gaza, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon since 1948, the work of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) in health care, education and food security is essential. When COVID-19 struck, DSPR Director, Dr. Bernard Sabella, knew they needed the support of their friends. DSPR invited partners to attend five webinars to learn and understand the economic and political challenges, and to hear from people working on the ground. Partners were asked to fund the webinars, and International Ministries was one of the first to respond. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing have supported DSPR since 2011 in their ministry of maintaining human dignity and hope for Palestinian refugees.



## From Joyce

Often we talk about the importance of generosity. Our generosity to the church and other charitable organizations is a way of expressing our gratitude to God for the blessing of our relationship with God. It is also a way of participating in the life and work of the church which is understood as the body of Christ. Through our offerings, or what many call donations, we offer to God the fruit of our labour in order that the church can be the church in the world. As we say at St. Andrew's, *Responding, Restoring, and Rejoicing*, in God, with the people of God, and for the sake of others.

Usually we talk in generalities, but there are also specifics. Each offering the church receives is a gift. People give as they are able, and we are grateful and overjoyed with each offering and every amount. Then there are times when people give above and beyond. In the first two months of this year we've had a person who gave extra so that we could mail out every single tax receipt this year. Most years we try to save costs by handing out as many receipts at church as we can, but with the church building closed that was not possible. So the offer to pay for the stamps was a real gift. That person's gift went further and anticipated costs of some Christian Education items that could be purchased to aid our online connection with families during the pandemic. Another woman remembered us in her estate and we were notified of a significant gift to the congregation that will help bring some stability in these times of great uncertainty. One other has consistently given over and above to make sure that the cost of ink and paper for the Sunday large print bulletin would be covered or at least largely subsidized. Over the years people have given specific donations, but most recently would have been the restoration of the sanctuary ceiling, the new heating system, and the exterior doors to the ramp exit. Smaller but important donations have been received to have the floors waxed, a stove purchased, a nearly new vacuum and a computer was donated, as well as calculators.

Each time we have been asked what would be helpful, which is also important so that what is received can truly be used to help in the upkeep of the building, our work, and our ministry. Of course, the generosity has not only spanned recent years, it has been the story of this congregation over the decades. Those gifts mentioned here are just a few examples of how people have remembered the church in ways that were a blessing. Again, we are thankful for each gift. The story of the widow's mite is never far from mind especially when so many are on fixed incomes. Still, gifts given in addition to regular donations make a great difference to us all. Thanks be to God for the generosity of all who consider St. Andrew's an important part of their lives.



THE FIRST CELEBRITY CHEF

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
*2 Corinthians 9:7*

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